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- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 with cited references
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A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF**  
**DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

**PART II: Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
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The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search reports or other communication from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Type of Communication(s)</u>
**C0989.70086WO00 PCT/US05/03659		June 14, 2005	International Search Report
**C0989.70086WO00 PCT/US05/03659		June 14, 2005	Written Opinion
**C0989.70049WO00 PCT/US03/16902		November 23, 2003	International Search Report

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### PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

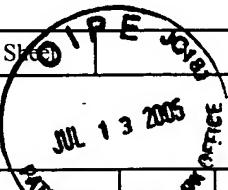
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